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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

- 1) (Currently Amended) A method for coloring a compound composition comprising the steps of adding to a binder resin with wax-coated pigment granules as solvents comprising the step of adding to the compound-sealed pigment granules having a particle size of between 0.05 and 5 μ m and a wax content of from 1 to 50% by weight, based on the overall weight of the coated pigment granules to form a mixture, grinding the mixture and classifying the mixture to give a colored composition, and wherein the compound composition is selected from the group consisting of electrophotographic toners, electrophotographic developers, powder coating materials, inkjet inks, electret materials and color filters.
- 2) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coated pigment granules have a wax content of from 5 to 40% by weight, based on the overall weight of the coated pigment granules.
- 3) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wax coated pigment particles further comprise an organic pigment, and wherein the organic pigment is an azo pigment or a polycyclic pigment.
- 4) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the polycyclic pigment is selected from the group consisting of an isindolinone, isindoline, anthranthone, thioindigo, quinophthalone, anthraquinone, dioxazine, phthalocyanine, quinacridone, perylene, perylene, thiazineindigo, diketopyrrolopyrrole and azomethine pigment.
- 5) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wax is selected from the group consisting of natural wax, modified natural wax, semisynthetic wax, fully synthetic wax, amide wax, chlorinated or fluorinated

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polyolefin wax, thermoplastic polyester resin, epoxy resin, styrene-acrylate copolymer resin, styrene-butadiene copolymer resin and cycloolefin copolymer resin.

6) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the fully synthetic wax is a polyolefin wax, a cycloolefin copolymer wax or a polyethylene glycol wax.

7) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, wherein the polyolefin wax is a polyolefin wax containing polar groups which has been formed by subsequent oxidation of the polyolefin wax, by graft reaction with monomers containing carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester, carboxylic anhydride or hydroxyl groups, or by copolymerization of an olefin and a monomer containing containing carboxylic acid, carboxylic ester, carboxylic anhydride or hydroxyl groups.

8) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wax has a dropping point of between 60 and 180°C.

9) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coated pigment granules are spray dried.

10) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coated pigment granules further comprise a charge control agent selected from the group consisting of triphenylmethanes; ammonium and immonium compounds; triinilium compounds; fluorinated ammonium compounds and fluorinated immonium compounds; biscalonic acid amides; polymeric ammonium compounds; diallylammonium compounds; aryl sulfide derivatives; phenol derivatives; phosphonium compounds and fluorinated phosphonium compounds; salt-like structured silicates; alkyl(n)aranes; resorcinols; cyclically linked oligosaccharides, interpolyelectrolyte complexes; polyester salts; metal complex compounds; boron

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complexes of 1,2-dihydroxyaromatics, 1,2-dihydroxyaliphatics or 2-hydroxy-1-carboxyaromatics; benzimidazolones; azines, thiazines, and oxazines.

- 11) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the charge control agent is present in the coated pigment granules in an amount of from 0.1 to 30% by weight, based on the overall weight of the coated pigment granules.
- 12) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the electrophotographic toners are selected from the group consisting of liquid toners and powder toners.
- 13) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coated pigment granules are used in an amount of from 0.1 to 90% by weight, based on the overall weight of the compound composition.
- 14) (Previously Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coated pigment granules are in the form of a masterbatch.
- 15) (Previously Added) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wax has a dropping point of between 80 and 140°C.
- 16) (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the coated pigment granules are used in an amount of from 0.5 to 40% by weight, based on the overall weight of the compound composition.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the adding step further comprises homogeneously incorporating the binder resin and the wax coated pigment granules.

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19. (New) The method of claim 18, wherein homogeneously incorporating the binder resin and the coated pigment granules further comprises extruding or kneading the binder resin and the wax coated pigment granules.
20. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the adding step further comprises adding the coated pigment granules to the binder resin during the polymerization process.
21. (New) An electrophotographic toner or developer made in accordance with the method of claim 1.

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